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Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
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Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. D.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I C S., Mr. H. A.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Motor Vehicles

Insurance of taxis.

* 1779 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the new rule framed recently by the Government of Burma that "all taxis plying in the city of Rangoon should be covered by insurance before the registration licence is issued";

(*b*) whether the Government will call for information from the Government of Burma about the abovesaid new rule framed by them ; and

(*c*) whether they will consider the desirability of introducing such a rule in respect of taxis plying in the City of Madras ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The information has been called for and the Government will consider the question on receipt of information.

Police

Temporary police shed for Neiveli village, Tiruvallur taluk.

* 1780 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that two petitions, dated 14th February 1928, were submitted by the residents of No. 148, Neiveli village, Tiruvallur taluk, one to the Inspector-General of Police and another to the District Superintendent of Police, St. Thomas' Mount, praying for a temporary police shed in that village ?

A.—The Government have no information ; they have called for it.

Education

Introduction of the boy scout movement in schools.

* 1781 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken to introduce the boy scout movement in all the educational institutions ;

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(b) whether the Government have approved the resolutions of any local board recommending the introduction of the said movement;

(c) if so, which boards have sent such resolutions and how many of them have been approved by the Government;

(d) whether the Government propose to aid with grants the boards whose resolutions they have accepted; and

(e) what are the causes for not accepting the resolutions of other boards?

A.—(a) The Boy Scouts Association, Madras, which is a non-official organization, has for its object the spread of the boy scout movement in the Presidency. The Government have paid to the society a grant of Rs. 10,000 in each of the years 1925–26, 1926–27 and 1927–28. It is proposed to pay a similar grant in 1928–29.

(b), (c) & (e) Sanction of Government is not necessary to the introduction of the scout movement by local boards in the educational institutions under their control.

(d) No grant is paid to any local board towards the introduction of scout movement in its schools. So far as elementary schools are concerned, it is permissible for local boards to incur expenditure on scouting from their elementary education funds with the previous approval of Government. As regards secondary schools, the local boards may incur expenditure on scouting from their own funds with the sanction of Government.

Public Health

Petitions by Movur villagers for water facilities.

*1782 Q.—Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that two petitions dated 31st October 1927 to the Presidents, District Board, Chingleput, and Taluk Board, Tiruvallur, and a set of two other petitions dated 14th November 1927 to the Collector of Chingleput and another to the Local Self-Government were submitted by the villagers of No. 126, Movur village, Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, requesting (1) for the digging of a well for drinking purposes as there is no lake or tank close by for the said purpose and (2) to repair the road leading to that village from the main road, a distance of nearly a mile, which is now covered thick with prickly-pear, mud and filth thus endangering both cart traffic and passers-by; and

(b) what action, if any, has been taken on those petitions by the above bodies?

A.—(a) The Government have received a petition from certain residents of Movur village in which it was stated that petitions had been submitted to the President, District Board, Chingleput, and to the Tiruvallur Taluk Board on 31st October 1927 and to the Collector of Chingleput on 14th November 1927.

(b) The Government have no information, and have called for a report from the President, District Board, Chingleput.